

## The oldest age group has the highest poverty rate

In addition to the lower median income of older age groups, poverty rates are often higher for those who are older. As with income, the large proportion of nonmarried women in the older age groups contributes to the difference in poverty rates by age. The table below shows that nonmarried women are more likely than married persons to be poor or near poor in every age group.

Poverty status,\* by age, sex, and marital status

Age	Married persons	Nonmarried men	Nonmarried women
Percent poor			
65-69 .....	4	13	19
70-74 .....	4	10	18
75-79 .....	5	11	21
80-84 .....	5	17	20
85 or older .....	5	15	21
Percent poor or near poor**			
65-69 .....	8	24	30
70-74 .....	8	24	30
75-79 .....	9	16	35
80-84 .....	10	24	33
85 or older .....	9	27	34

\* Based on family income of aged persons to conform with official measures of poverty.

\*\*The near poor are defined as having income between the poverty line and 125% of the poverty line.

Percent of persons poor, by marital status

